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**John Mitchell**

Probably, no man affiliated with organized labor was more generally beloved than John Mitchell. Probably, no man was more respected by the general public, employing as well as toiling and those of the middle class than John Mitchell. In these days of irresponsible demagogues and crazy anarchists, his influence was needed to preserve the balance, because, while he stood out stubbornly for what he believed to be right and just for his fellow toilers he even frowned upon mob law, deprecated violence, counseled prudence. His was the judicial mind, albeit a layman, hence his fairness and splendid poise. He was generally so fair that even his opponents respected him. Probably, much of his logical trend of mind, his fairness in debate and his honesty of purpose may be traced in great part to the fact that he had been a devout Catholic ever since he entered the Church some fifteen or twenty years since. Like most converts, he was intense in his devotion to Holy Church but never unduly demonstrative. He believed and practiced his belief. In his daily life he even tried to love his neighbor as himself.

Worker in the mines from a tender age, deprived even of the elementary education given to the children of to-day, buffeted by hard knocks, John Mitchell rose to a position that might well be the envy of any man. He could deliver an address so scholarly as to merit the approval of a college president. He could write an essay to win the plaudits of the most caustic critic. He had held the undisputed sway over thousands of toilers and had risen to high place in the international labor organizations.

During the war he served on half a dozen food, fuel and milk commissions for the state and nation, receiving therefor no additional monetary consideration. The only salary he drew was as chairman of the State Industrial Commission—the other duties he performed as free service to his State and Nation, whose loyal son he ever was. Those who know him best say he literally wore himself out in service and when disease lay hold upon him, even his rugged physique was unable to repel its ravages. Courageously, he faced death and yielded up his soul to his Maker.

The world is better that John Mitchell lived. His life gives the lie to the assertion that the poor man may not rise in America. Might not a Carnegie, a Rockefeller, a Roosevelt, a Taft or a Wilson envy the career of the miner boy who 40 years ago started without a dollar to buffet the world? All he had was faith in himself, his God; his country and his own hands and head. And yet before he died, he had twice refused to be considered for nom-

ination as Vice-President of the United States and once for Governor of Illinois. He had presided over the destinies of hundreds of thousands of men as President of the United Mine Workers. As chairman of the great Industrial Commission of the State of New York, he had guided the destinies of industry, had built up the compensation law and helped to strengthen the Labor-Laws in behalf of the toilers. The President, the Governor and other high officials paid tribute to his invaluable assistance to them. Organized labor all over the country wept at his bier.

And so, even if it seem that he might have been spared to still greater achievement, John Mitchell's life was no idle one and God in His wisdom called him away at the zenith of his career. His friends can only say "Peace to his ashes and eternal rest to his soul!"

**War Is Transferred.**

"Illusion of all worldly things" is the apt description of conditions today given by Father Simon Fitzsimons in his letter summoning the members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society to quarterly Holy Communion. There is so much plain statement and sound philosophy in the letter that we take the liberty of republishing it in great part as follows:—  
The vacation season has closed and the world is returning to labor and business. Serious-mindedness is taking the place of the lighter vein. This year especially everything around us impresses us more and more deeply with the great fact that religion and the things of religion, instead of being minor or secondary matters, are, in fact, the great and only realities. World conditions, to day more than ever, prove to us the utter illusion of all worldly things. The war, we are told, is over; but it is only transferred from nations to society. Peace has been proclaimed; but it does not dwell in the minds or hearts of men. The compensation for labor means money beyond the dreams of avarice; but the laboring man is poorer than ever; advancing prices mock advancing wages; the rainbow promises, apparently at hand, are as far off as ever when we have reached the point at which we hoped to grasp them. Plenty surrounds us on all sides, but it would seem as though some malignant spirit had here, too, undertaken to thwart man's efforts. We are hungering in the midst of plenty, while many fail to procure even the necessities of life. All this shows us that the world with all its fair promises is but a deceiver, that its most dazzling attractions are but an illusion, and that the only security for man's peace and contentment lies in religion. What consolation that we have this solace and protection against the world's failures and disappointments! And how ardently should we strive, therefore, to extract all the consolation possible from it; as the bee does not leave the flower until it has exhausted all the honey stored there! It is especially in the Sacraments that we secure this consolation and strength. We hope then to see a large assemblage of Holy Name members at Holy Communion."

Aptly says the Kingston "Freeman"—"Catholics must come in contact with those of other faiths in order to break down prejudice. This does not however mean that Catholics should engage in chasing the tail end of Protestant society. Their duty is to build up Catholic society. The most contemptible snob in the world is an aping Catholic snob."

With the President so busy making speeches he could not get to Washington to greet General Pershing and United States senators touring the country, one would think a national political campaign were in progress.

**A Great Catholic.**

Splendid, is it not, the outburst of feckitation and general admiration for that militant churchman, Cardinal Mercier, upon his visit to the United States? And yet, was it not to be expected, laying aside all questions of creed and nationality?

Real Americans have on innate admiration and reverence for his bravery, moral courage, real devotion to right and principle, and all these were personified and typified all through the dark days of the war in Belgium in the person of the gallant soldier of the Cross, Cardinal Mercier. And they have combined to show their appreciation by the greatest reception ever accorded a distinguished foreigner who has visited our shores. We as Catholics have particular pride in the Cardinal because he never permitted the conquerors of his country to overawe the representative of the Lord of Hosts, either as a Catholic prelate or as a Belgian citizen. We honor Cardinal Mercier and, if even the League of Nations should become an established fact, its headquarters should be in Brussels, Belgium.

**Ave Pershing!**

American hearts went out this last week in honor of General John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, not only as a soldier but also in honor of a modest, self-contained, well-balanced American gentleman, proud of his American soldier boys and willing to pay tribute to everybody and everybody's exploits save only his own. And, too, the American people appreciate the tragedy in General Pershing's life. While other returning soldiers were eagerly awaiting reunion with wife, or mother, or sweetheart, John Pershing's wife awaits him in the world beyond and, as he neared American shores, his thoughts must have turned toward the Presidio where his wife and babies were burned to death a decade ago. And small wonder then that this lonesome hero, as he watched the parade in New York, was moved to exclaim "If only we could have brought back those who sleep over there!"  
The American people honor and respect General Pershing and they mourn with him in the tragedy of his own life.

**We Helped.**

It was with more than ordinary interest that the Catholics of the United States helped to celebrate "Constitution Day, September 17." It was on September 17, 1787, that the American Constitution was signed in Philadelphia as a fitting compliment to the Declaration of Independence, framed in part and signed by Catholic Colonists who rebelled against unwarranted oppression by a Hessian tyrant, King George of England.  
Ever since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, the Catholics of the United States have proven themselves the sincere friends of liberty, independence and self-determination. It has come to be a well established axiom that the best and most loyal Catholic is the very best American citizen.  
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Stars and Stripes! May they ever be interdependent and inalienable!

Congratulations to George Boucher as Grand Knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. He will be a worthy successor of a long line of worthy grand knights.

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